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WHEREAS, we, Tadahiro OHMI residing at 1-17-301,
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and Takehisa KONISHI both located at c/o Nippon Kinzoku Co.,
LID., 3-7, Shiba 5-chome Minato-ku, Tokyo 108-0014 JAPAN, have
invented certain improvements in:

METAL MATERIAL HAVING FORMED THEREON CHROMIUM
OXIDE PASSIVE FILM AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING
THE SAME, AND PARTS CONTACTING WITH FLUID AND
SYSTEM FOR SUPPLYING FLUID AND EXHAUSTING GAS
described and claimed in an application for Letters Patent of the
United States of America thereon, said application having been
filed on July 13, 2001, based on PCT/JP00/00133.

WHEREAS, Tadahiro OHMI and Fujikin Inc., are to acquire the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and said application for Letters Patent;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of ONE DOLLAR (\$1.00) to us in hand paid, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency whereof is hereby acknowledged, we do hereby assign, sell, transfer and set over unto said Tadahiro OHMI and Fujikin Inc., their successors and

assigns, the full, entire and exclusive right, title and interest, for the territory of the United States of America and for all foreign countries, in and to said invention, as described in the application identified above, and in and to said application and any divisions or continuations or continuationsin-part thereof or continuation prosecution applications or substitutes therefor which may be filed, and in and to any patents or reissues, renewals or extensions thereof which may be granted on said application or for said invention, and in and to any patent application which may be filed on said invention in countries foreign to the United States of America and any patents granted thereon; said invention, applications, and Letters Patent to be held and enjoyed by said Tadahiro OHMI and Fujikin Inc., and their successors or assigns, to the full end of the term or terms for which said Letters Fatent may be granted, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held by us had this assignment not been made.

We hereby authorize and request the Patent and Trademark

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